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Mr. G. Rameswara Rao :—" Will the Government acquaint itself with the condition of the ryot and do something for him? "

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter :—" I assure the hon. Member that Government do a great deal for the ryot."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know why these unfortunate districts of North Arcot and Chingleput should suffer from this levy? "

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter :—" I believe it is a matter of long-standing practice in the districts."

Public Service

Employment of candidates selected by the Madras Services Commission for the Madras Ministerial Service in the mufassal.

* 622 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt : Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the total number is of candidates hitherto selected by the Madras Services Commission for appointment in the Madras Ministerial Service in the various mufassal districts;

(*b*) what the number is for each district and for each year;

(*c*) of these, how many are employed in permanent and long-standing vacancies and how many years the Government expect to take to absorb the remaining; and

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that in districts like Malabar and South Kanara even candidates selected in 1931 and 1932 are still awaiting appointments?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is laid on the table.

(*c*) Of 2,327 candidates selected for posts of clerk and 261 selected for posts of typist, 607 and 52, respectively, became ineligible for appointment on account of age or failed to join appointments offered, etc., and 1,704 and 209 candidates have been appointed as clerks and typists, respectively. It will thus be seen that only 16 candidates selected for posts of clerk have yet to be appointed and all these men were selected in 1934. Government have no information as to how many candidates are employed in permanent and longstanding vacancies. It is of course likely that since their first appointment some of the candidates have been ousted for want of vacancies; it is not possible to say when they will be re-absorbed in the service.

(*d*) All the candidates selected for appointment in the Malabar and South Kanara districts have been appointed and placed on probation except one in the Malabar district selected in 1934. Thirty-seven candidates in Malabar and

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 229-230 infra.

14 in South Kanara have since been discharged for want of vacancies and are awaiting re-appointment. The delay in the re-appointment of the candidates in Malabar is due to the fact that Government abolished 104 clerical posts in the Registration department in that district consequent on the introduction of the photostat system of copying documents and directed that the incumbents should be absorbed in other offices in the district. In Malabar and South Kanara many clerks in the Settlement department have been discharged after completion of the work for which they had been engaged and they have to be re-employed in vacancies arising in the respective districts.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is not possible to select a lesser number of candidates every year so as to only cover the actual demand in the course of the particular year? "

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER :—" I understand the Public Services Commission selects the number of candidates on receipt of a requisition from the Collectors as to their requirements during the year and I cannot say that any other system would be possible."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT :—" Does not the very fact that 602 candidates have become age-barred, show that the number is far in excess of the requirements? "

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER :—" It does not follow at all. If the hon. Member will read the answer carefully he will find that a number of candidates became ineligible on account of age or other causes. Most of the other candidates were appointed."

Proportion of appointments reserved for the depressed classes according to the communal rotation Government Order.

* 623 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the ratio is of appointments reserved for the depressed classes in accordance with the Government Order prescribing communal rotation in the matter of appointments;

(*b*) whether such a ratio is based on the basis of the population of the depressed classes;

(*c*) whether any representation was received by the Government for the increase of appointments for the depressed classes; and

(*d*) if so, what was done thereupon?

A.—It is presumed that by the term " depressed classes " the hon. Member refers to " scheduled classes, " who alone are now recognized as a separate unit for purposes of the communal rule.